

Amendments to the Drawings

Please amend the drawing (one Figure) as indicated in the attached Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended at page 6 to correct a reference number.

The drawing has been amended to change the incorrect reference number 1 at the information section 2' in the drawing, to the correct reference number 10, as supported in the specification at page 4, line 34.

It is noted that the present Office Action, at item 3, repeats a rejection of the claims under 35 USC §103 that is identical to a previous rejection in the November 23, 2007 Office Action. Such rejection was responded to in applicant's last Amendment of March 18, 2008.

Applicant's attorney thus telephoned Examiner Augustin on October 23, 2009 to find out why the rejection was repeated. The Examiner informed applicant's attorney that the repeat rejection of claims under 35 USC §103 in the present Office Action was inadvertently included and has been withdrawn based on applicant's previous Amendment of March 18, 2009. Applicant's attorney was advised by the Examiner not to respond to the repeat rejection of claims under 35 USC §103.

The only remaining issue in this application is the Examiner's requirement that applicant show corresponding structure for means plus function language in the claims. Independent claims 33-36 contain the means plus function language.

Applicant has thus reproduced the independent claims 33-36 in clean format in the section of the Amendment entitled *Claims with Reference Numbers* (see pages 13-16 of Amendment), and indicated corresponding structure in claims 33-36 for the means plus function language. It is thus

submitted that all the means plus function language in claims 33-36 can be reconciled with corresponding structure.

Applicant has also amended the independent claims 33-36 to characterize the “means” in the means plus function text with language that corresponds to the described function in the claims. Since such amendments are based on existing functional language in the claims it is submitted that such amendments do not present new issues that would require further search.

Dependent claims 3, 9, 18 and 28 are also amended to change the tense of selected phrasing in the claims without presenting any new issues that would require further search.

It is thus submitted that all claims in this application are allowable and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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